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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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MAY 19, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
GAGE AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 77432
PROJECT I.D. NO. RDC0014807
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The project is a development of a neighborhood park in the First District to provide enhanced services in the unincorporated communities of the County. The proposed improvements will include landscaping, lighted pedestrian paths, stormwater treatment features, and playground equipment in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the plans and specifications for the Gage Avenue Neighborhood Park (Capital Project No. 77432) on the northeast corner of the intersection of East Gage Avenue and Converse Avenue in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone at an estimated construction contract cost of \$632,000.
2. Call for construction contract bids to be received on June 16, 2009.

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3. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the solicitation of construction contract bids for the Gage Avenue Neighborhood Park, Capital Project (C.P.) No. 77432, and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to deliver the project. Following review of construction bids, Public Works will return to your Board to recommend award of the construction contract.

The 0.63 acre of unimproved land was donated to the County of Los Angeles by Merona Enterprises, Inc. The donated property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of East Gage Avenue and Converse Avenue in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone allows the County to develop a neighborhood park with safe and appropriate pedestrian and wheelchair access to provide a vital link between two public light rail transit stations and establishments.

The project consists of the construction of a 24,000 square foot park with benches, trash receptacles, playground equipment, a meandering sidewalk, pedestrian lighting system, landscaping, and an irrigation system. The project will also include water quality and stormwater treatment features, as well as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant features to provide accessibility to individuals with disabilities.

The construction of the project will be administered by Public Works. The design of this project was completed by Public Works at a cost of \$250,000. The neighborhood park will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process).

Upon its completion, the Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks and Recreation) will be responsible for maintaining the park.

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using drought tolerant landscaping, through the use of recycled building materials, installation of educational information, and through the implementation of low

impact development principles. The use of drought tolerant landscaping will reduce the amount of irrigation needed.

The park furnishings consist of recycled plastic lumber and the play area surfacing consists of recycled rubber. Interpretive signs will inform the public about the importance of bioswales, water wise gardening, composting, and grass recycling. The project will include bioretention through bioswales and infiltration areas, thus helping to remove pollutants from stormwater runoff.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions meet the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The development of the vacant parcel at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Gage Avenue and Converse Avenue in Florence-Firestone area will improve the quality of life for the residents of this area and the nearby cities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate is \$1,846,000, which includes \$1,311,000 for a construction contract, as-needed contract, and change order contingency, \$250,000 for completed design services, and \$285,000 for County Services, which includes contract administration, project management, and quality control inspection.

Funding for the project consists of \$1,500,000 grant from the State Proposition 40 Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Program, and \$346,000 of First District one-time net County cost allocated for enhanced unincorporated area services.

The Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the project costs. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Attachment A.

Operating Budget Impact

Following completion of the project, scheduled for the spring of 2010, Parks and Recreation will maintain the newly developed park and anticipates one-time start-up and ongoing operating costs for utilities and maintenance. Parks and Recreation will work with the Chief Executive Office to determine the appropriate level of funding when the project nears completion. Request of funds for one-time and ongoing costs will be submitted in the Department of Parks and Recreation's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Proposed Budget request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 15, 2008, Agenda No. 46, your Board approved C.P. No. 77423 scope of work and total project budget.

On April 28, 2009, Agenda No. 4, your Board adopted the resolution to vacate with reservations a portion of the alley east of Converse Avenue and set aside a portion of County-owned property for highway purposes north of Gage Avenue and acceptance of the highway into the County of Los Angeles road system.

Pursuant to your Board's adopted Civic Art Policy, this project is exempt from contributing a Civic Art Fee because the project's scope of work consists of a newly developed neighborhood park.

This project is to be completed by the contractor in 60 working days with an additional 90 days for plant establishment. It is estimated the construction will start in October 2009 and be completed in January 2010.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including but not limited to: County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible

bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, and trustworthiness to satisfactorily perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On April 15, 2008, Agenda No. 46, your Board found the neighborhood park categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15303, class (d).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will allow for the development of the vacant parcel at the northeast corner of the intersection of East Gage Avenue and Converse Avenue in the Florence-Firestone area. Completion of the project will improve the quality of life for the residents of the County unincorporated community and the nearby cities.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one each to Public Works, Programs Development Division, and Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	11/15/08*
Contract Award	8/04/09
Construction Field Acceptance Final Acceptance	3/26/10 5/25/10

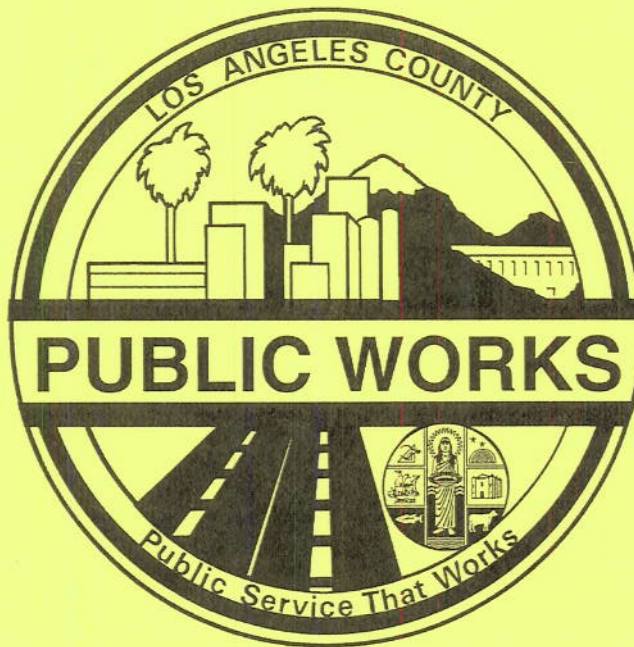
*Actual completion date.

PROJECT FUNDING CHART

Budget Category	Proposed Total Project Budget	Proposed C.P. No 77432 Budget	State Prop 40 RZH Grant
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction			
(a) Construction	\$632,000	N/A	\$632,000
(b) As-needed Contract	\$508,000	N/A	\$508,000
(c) Change Orders	\$171,000	\$171,000	N/A
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications	\$250,000	N/A	\$250,000
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	N/A	N/A	N/A
County Services	\$ 285,000	\$175,000	\$110,000
TOTAL	\$1,846,000	\$346,000	\$1,500,000

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 632,000
As-needed Contract	508,000
Change Orders	171,000
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	\$ 1,311,000
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 250,000
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	150,000
Design Review	5,000
Design Services	35,000
Contract Administration	35,000
Project Management	30,000
Project Management Support Services	0
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
Office of Affirmative Action	0
County Counsel	0
Other:	30,000
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	0
Subtotal	\$ 285,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,846,000



NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

FOR

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SACHIA A. HAMAI
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By Lachelle Smith Deputy

Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

Patricia V. De Chellis
Deputy Director

3-06-2009

Date